**DISTRICT 26-M5**

**CABINET MEETING MINUTES**

November 7, 2020

The second cabinet meeting of the 2020-2021 year was held at Hilton Garden Inn, Independence, MO in conjunction with the District 26-M5 Convention. It was preceded by a Necrology Service led by Lion Jerry Akins and Captain Chaplain Miller honoring 30 Lions who have passed from November 2018 through October 2020.

At 9:30 a.m. the group reconvened. PDG Greg Gilliam led the invocation, 1VDG Jene Crook led the Pledge of Allegiance, and 2VDG Pat Scott led us in singing “My Country tis of Thee”.

Governor Joe Storms welcomed the Lions and guests and introduced International Director Gary Brown from New York and PID Bill Philippi and Lion Vickie Philippi as well as those visiting from other districts.

At this time, the Lions Clubs who brought their club banners were announced. They paraded them through and they were hung on the wall for the duration of the event.

DG Joe Storms called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and showed a video depicting our 5 areas of service.

Cabinet Secretary Donna Jungerman called for the roll of clubs present. There were 46 Lions who signed in: 39 from District M5, 7 from visiting districts and a few via Google Meet.

PDG Greg Gilliam nominated PDG Kenny Goetz as Tail Twister for the day. The nomination was seconded and carried. 1VDG Jene Crook made a motion that the Tail Twister funds be designated to LCIF. It was seconded and carried.

The minutes from the August 8 Cabinet Meeting were presented. Hearing no additions or corrections, PDG Greg Gilliam made a motion to accept the report as corrected. Motion was seconded and carried.

The financial report was presented by Treasurer 1VDG Jene Crook. PDG Greg Gilliam moved to accept the report. Motion was seconded and carried.

**Zone Reports**:

Zone 1: Vacant

Zone 2: Lion Alena Hoeffling – no report

Zone 3: Vacant

Zone 4: Lion Ron Kumm –reported a visit to Mayview Lions Club. Also attending was Lion Ron Ballard who talked about Diabetes. He has a lunch meeting scheduled with Lion Donna Kolas from Lafayette Higginsville Lions club. He will be contacting all his clubs to set a time for a zone meeting.

Zone 5: Vacant

Zone 6: Lion Ron Ballard – has emailed all of his clubs and asked them 2 questions: how is the virus is affecting their meetings and fundraising and are they meeting and how? Some are meeting in person and some via zoom. Some fundraisers are taking place.

Zone 7: PDG Tom Rayfield – Lion Donna Jungerman read his report in his absence. Their first zone meeting was conducted via zoon. Three of five clubs were in attendance. Most of the communication within the zone will be via a zone newsletter. They were reminded to file their income tax return for the year 2019 and about the forthcoming district convention. Another zoom meeting will be held following the next cabinet meeting.

Zone 8: Vacant

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

ALERT Team: PDG Bruce Dugan reported that there has been no activity. Balance in account is $3245.29. If your club would like to see the ALERT trailer, that can be done with social distancing.

ATHLETIC: 2VDG Pat Scott reported that the committee had a zoom meeting. UCM has expressed major concerns about our annual Lions All Star Football game. Due to COVID, the restrictions they would be putting on us as Lions and our players would be too much. We are looking at 2 other locations to hold the game: State Fair Community College in Sedalia and Missouri Valley in Marshall.

CONVENTIONS:

The State and International Convention Committee met in September. We discussed the financial reports and inventory and prepared budgets for the 2020-21 fiscal year. It was approved at the Council of Governors meeting in October. It was decided to give out 2020 Convention pins and the 2016 misspelled pins to the registrants for the 2021 Convention to reduce inventory. 1VDG Jene Crook was elected Chairman of the Committee, PCC Gina Boettcher was elected Vice-Chair and PDG David Primm was elected Secretary.

The committee is selling Lions Face Masks for $5. They are royal blue with the Lions emblem and *We Serve* imprinted in white. Next meeting is January 6, 2021 via zoom.

2021 State Convention Host committee report: 1VDG Jene Crook reported that The Hilton Garden Inn, Independence is confirmed for April 29-May 2, 2021. It will consist of the usual Friday night Hospitality Night, plenary sessions on Friday and Saturday and a Melvin Jones Luncheon and Banquet Saturday Night. There are 4 breakout sessions planned. Registration Flyers are available.

Registration can be hard copy or online.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: DG Joe Storms reported for Lion Bob Kurth that the Constitution and Bylaws mandate changes to the Board Policy as of 6-5-2020.

There are no amendments. All changes are mandatory. The ByLaws that override our constitution are posted on the LCI website. Our website is still showing our 2017 version.

DIABETES AWARENESS & ACTION: Lion Ron Ballard reports no requests for testing or programs.

He has met with Mayview Lions Club.

ENVIRONMENT: PDG Susan Parker Sellers reported that their committee is actively engaging the district lions to becoming involved with the TREX recycling program. It is the collection of soft plastics and when turned in can earn a beautiful public bench. The Orrick brought the project to our attention in 2018. Orrick, Belton Host, KCWOLC and Independence Diabetic club have participated and gotten many benches. It takes 500 pounds of plastic to make a bench.

GLT – D: no report 2VDG Pat Scott

GMT-D: no report PDG Alcy Malkmus Espinoza

GST-D: Lion Karen Calvert. Last August she asked us to support a service project of donating personal items for Drumm Farm in honor of 1VDG Randy Winkler.

500 items were donated! Thank you to the clubs who participated. Our goal this year was to collect 1000 Personal items to be distributed in various parts of the district to help those in need. We are already ½ way there. She encourages more clubs to join in. On Friday Hospitality night, there was collected $67.22 for the ‘Hot Derby Minute’. The person who guessed the amount of money collected in that 1 minute won a matchbox car which they donated right back to the cause.

During the day today, we’ll be racing the cars – donations accepted to be able to race.

Also is the Soup Kitchen Challenge. Clubs brought soup to be given to the Veterans Village.

Christmas cards were brought in and lions wrote messages in them for active troops.

Remember BOWS: **B**ring items, **O**rder items, **W**rite a check, **S**end items or money to Lion Karen.

HEARING PRESERVATION, AWARENESS & ACTION: Lion Betty Beason.

DG Joe reported for her that the Hearing Sweepstakes tickets are available for purchase.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Lion Aaron Troester. No report.

LCIF COORDINATOR: PDG Greg Gilliam showed a short video and then thanked the district for continued contributions to the Association’s Foundation. He has been attending club meetings face-to-face and virtual to continue to spread the word. Our District has benefitted greatly in the last few years. Orrick and Oak Grove received grants for Tornado relief, the purchase of the ALERT trailer and equipment, funding for technology for the CCVI and many more.

Campaign 100 has been extended an additional year due to the Pandemic. We encourage each individual lion to contribute yearly. Some clubs have challenges to their members to match a contribution. Three Clubs in the district have taken on the challenge to become “Model Clubs”. They are Marshall Lions Club, Belton Host Lions Club and Independence Host Lions Club. Each club has made the commitment to provide $500 per member by the end of the Campaign. Others are making contributions toward a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for a club member for their service.

LEO CLUB COORDINATOR: Lion Scott White – no report

MO LIONS STATE BAND: IPDG Jessi Troester - The Committee met in October via zoom. They will continue with the Battle of the Bands model with the intention of fielding a MO High School Band at the International Convention in Boston. We are looking to ways of returning to our roots of having a band comprised of students around the state with a tentative goal of the International Convention in Atlanta.

PEACE POSTER: Vacant . The theme this year is Kindness Through Service.

Peace Poster must be submitted by November 15 to DG Joe.

Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action: Vacant

At this time DG Joe called for a motion to accept the reports as presented. Lion Jerry Akins moved to accept the reports. Motion was seconded and carried.

**LIASON REPRESENTATIVES:**

Alphapointe: IPDG Jessi Troester reported for Lion Cheryl Rayburn that Alphapointe recently acquired Kansas City non-profit *Rightfully Sewn*. This company provides training and job opportunities for at-risk women including victims of domestic violence and refugees. This will open up new opportunities for at-risk women and blind job seekers in KC as well as our New York location. The training apartment was recently remodeled to allow for training in modern appliances and to be more accessible to seniors who have mobility disorders.

Audio Reader: Lion Karen Calvert: no report

CCVI: Lion Cathy Rayfield: Lion Donna Jungerman reported in her absence. CCVI continues to provide therapies and classroom activities. When the school closed in person services, the CCVI therapists quickly worked with families and districts to convert IEPs to Temporary Individualized Learning Plans. The staff had approximately 70 hours of virtual services per week. A huge shout out to the Lions of District 26-M5 for their assistance in getting the grant to purchase laptops!

The virtual Trolley Run in April was a success bringing in 3221 registrants collectively raising $304,000 for CCVI. It was quite different that an in-person fun, but successful.

The Illuminate fundraiser was fully virtual as well. There were more than 300 people tune in, bid, and donate to Illuminate – A Virtual Childlike Fanciful Night! It raised $215,103 for CCVI.

The funds will continue to provide assistive technology devices, functional vision evaluations, therapy sessions, and more to the students. We encourage the clubs to continue to give as they have and are able.

Kids Sight: Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto reported they started screening in September. Schools are at 60% capacity so some time sensitive visual disorders are going untreated. Lion Katherine thanked the volunteers who administer the test. “Giving Tuesday” is coming up. Consider having your own fundraiser for this.

LBOMB: PDG Kenny Goetz reported that they met one time via zoom. Most of the jobs are in food service in Government buildings. The shutdown has challenged the function of the program.

Leader Dog: IPDG Jessi reported that Leader Dogs for the Blind was the first guide dog school in the US to resume operations following the COVID shutdown. They continue to offer services free of charge to those with vision loss.

Pin Trader: vacant

PDG Association: PDG Kenny stated that the main function of the association is the basketball game. 2020 game was cancelled and not sure if there will be one in 2021 or not. Most clubs budget to sponsor a student or more and he asks that the clubs consider going ahead and sending that same amount. Those dollars go to Kids’ Sight and LCIF.

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Saving Sight: 2VDG Pat Scott reported the committee has met via zoom. A check for roughly $30,000 was given to Kids’ Sight.

World Services for the Blind: Information from IPID Don Noland: Stayed open during the pandemic. They were able to up HVAC system and lighting. They established partnership with several states. World Services teaches life skills to the blind.

Mid South Sight and Hearing: IPDG Jessi Troester reported being able to raise $6,000 from a digital silent auction, $10,000 from a golf tournament and has received $85,000 in grant funding to maintain operations through December. They are continuing with eye saving surgeries during the pandemic. Another influx of cash will be necessary to continue operations in 2021.

At this time, 1VDG Jene made a motion to accept reports as given. The motion was seconded and carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**:

Policy Manual Update: No change to Policy Manual other than name changes

Peace Poster contest: DG Joe Storms has a prospect for Peace Poster Chair

Vacancies in the District: Zone chairs for Zones 1, 3, 5, and 8

Status of Community Impact Grant: DG Joe reported that the application has been sent to LCIF

PDG Greg Gilliam requested that a copy be sent to him.

Lion Donna Jungerman will send it.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

The Mid Winter Rally is February 6, 2021 at the Higginsville Community Building at the park.

2021 Hearing Sweepstakes tickets for sale.

Mid-Winter Forum: February 19-20, 2021 at Camden on the Lake. Everyone is invited to attend. The theme is “Lion on the Beach - A Three Hour Tour”. Each district was provided a hat and flip flops to decorate for a contest and will provide a 15 minute skit.

**OTHER BUSINESS**:

There was a Special meeting August 29 with PDG’s of the district held to elect 1VDG and 2VDG for the remainder of the 2020-21 fiscal year. This PDG Jene Crook was elected 1VDG and PDG Pat Scott was elected 2VDG.

DG Joe talked about the “Just Ask” Membership Challenge Status. We have lost members and clubs.

But we also have 16 new members since July 1.

He suggests inviting people to a service project instead of a meeting.

Encourage you clubs to try to gain more members. As an incentive, the joining fee has been waived until the end of the year. Charter fees have been waived until end of year also.

The district has 46 active clubs. Two clubs have been cancelled – Drexel and Slater. There have been 0 new members this month, 0 dropped this month. There are 16 new members for the year. Worldwide, the membership is 1,394,773.

Missouri School for the Blind has two students from our district. They are asking us to adopt them.

PDG Greg Gilliam sends out a Quick News each week. Information needs to be submitted to him.

There is a webinar each Friday. It is open to all to join in.

Reminder: The State Convention Committee is selling masks for $5 today and will order more.

There is a sheet with 100 Service activity ideas in the back of the room.

TAIL TWISTER REPORT: PDG Kenny Goetz reported that $150 was collected today.

At this time, PDG Greg Gilliam moved to adjourn and PDG Kenny Goetz seconded. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Donna Jungerman

Cabinet Secretary

After lunch, ID Gary Brown had a question and answer session with the group.

The tickets for the Silent Auction items and fuzzy lion blanket were drawn raising $401. DG Joe raised it to $425 and Lion Tim Storms added another $25. Total proceeds from the silent auction and raffle for the fuzzy blanket was $450. The funds go to LCIF along with the Tail Twister Funds making a total of $600 raised for LCIF today.

At this time, nominations for DGE and 1VDGE were heard. Lion Donna nominated 1VDG Jene Crook for DGE and Lion Tim Storms seconded. Lion Pat Mills nominated 2VDG Pat Scott for 1VDGE and PDG Bruce Dugan seconded. Nominations from the floor were called for 2VDGE. Hearing none,

PDG moved to cease nominations and Lion Jerry Akins seconded.

The voting was done with 3 items on the ballot: DGE, 1VDGE and location of the next district convention to be held in the Independence area. 26 yes votes on all three, 0 no votes and 2 spoiled ballots.

Lion Vickie Norton made the motion to destroy the ballots and Lion Karen Calvert seconded. Motion carried.